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THE early Inclination I had to ſearch after Plants, and other Productions in Nature, being much ſuppreſſed by my reſiding too remote from *London*, the Center of all Science, I was deprived of all Opportunities and Examples to excite me to a ſtronger Purſuit after thoſe Things to which I was naturally bent: yet my Curioſity was ſuch, that not being content with contemplating the Products of our own Country, I ſoon imbibed a paſſionate Deſire of viewing as well the Animal as Vegetable Productions in their Native Countries; which were Strangers to *England*. *Virginia* was the Place (I having Relations there) ſuited moſt with my Convenience to go to, where I arriv'd the 23d. of *April* 1712. I thought then ſo little of proſecuting a Deſign of the Nature of this Work, that in the Seven Years I reſided in that Country, (I am aſhamed to own it) I chiefly gratified my Inclination in obſerving and admiring the various Productions of thoſe Countries, ---- only ſending from thence ſome dried Specimens of Plants and ſome of the moſt Specious of them in Tubs of Earth, at the Requeſt of ſome curious Friends, amongſt whom was Mr. *Dale* of *Braintree* in *Eſſex*, a skilful Apothecary and Botaniſt: to him, beſides Specimens of Plants, I ſent ſome few Obſervations on the Country, which he communicated to the late *William Sherard*, L. L. D. one of the moſt celebrated Botaniſts of this Age, who favoured me with his Friendſhip on my Return to *England* in the Year 1719; and by his Advice, (tho conſcious of my own

PREFACE.

L'Inclination que je ſentois dès ma jeuneſſe à rechercher la connoiſſance des Plantes, & des autres productions de la Nature, etoit fort traverſée par mon éloignement de Londres, *le centre de toutes les Sciences: J'étois privé par là des occaſions & des exemples qui auroient pu m'exciter à ſuivre mon panchant avec plus d'ardeur. Cependant il etoit tel que l'etude & la contemplation des productions de la Nature, que l'*Angleterre *me fourniſſoit, ne ſatisfaiſant point ma curioſité, je conçus une envie paſſionnée d'aller voir dans leurs propres climats les plantes & les animaux qui etoient étrangers à ma patrie. La* Virginie *étoit le Païs où je pouvois aller le plus commodément, à cauſe de quelques Parens que j'y avois: J'y arrivai le 23e d'*Avril 1712. *Je ſongeois ſi peu dans ce tems là à entreprendre un Ouvrage tel que celui que je donne au Public, que pendant les ſept années que je reſtai dans ce païs, j'avoüe à ma honte que je ne m'occupai qu'à en obſerver & admirer les productions, ſans autre intention que de ſatisfaire mon goût; ſeulement j'envoyois des plantes d'eſſechées, & quelques unes des plus belles dans des pots, à quelques curieux de mes amis qui m'en avoient prié. Mr.* Dale *de* Braintree *en la Province d'*Eſſex, *habile Apotiquaire & Botaniſte, étoit de ce nombre, mais outre des plantes deſſéchées je lui envoyai quelques obſervations ſur le païs. Il les communiqua à feu Mr.* Guillaume Sherard, *un des plus fameux Botaniſtes de ce Siecle, & qui me fit l'honneur de me recevoir au nombre de ſes Amis, lorſque je fus de retour en Angleterre en* 1719. *Ce fut par ſon avis que je réſolus de commencer cette entrepriſe très conforme à mon inclination,*